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under any circumstances.

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10.

It begins to look like something  
is going to "drap" at Frankfort.

An earthquake in Tiflis prov-  
ince, Russia, last week, killed  
over eight hundred persons.

Politically speaking there is one  
man in Kentucky who is sadly in  
need of a tombstone. Name him  
and take him.

Notices of contest for Governor  
and Lieutenant Governor were fil-  
ed last Wednesday by Senator  
Goebel and Mr. Beckham.

Suppose the House Election  
League spend more of its  
funds, trying to keep Whallen out  
of the penitentiary, than what?

Senator Hays, of Louisville, is  
the only well-known Democrat  
at Frankfort voting with Republi-  
cans. He is an old man and  
knows he has made his everlasting  
run.

The Republican State Treasurer  
Walter Day is unimpeachable. He is  
only twenty-eight and the law re-  
quires the Treasurer to be thirty.  
The information is obtained from  
his marriage license.

Hon. W. J. Bryan will be in  
Frankfort the 10th inst. to witness  
the election of Hon. J. C. S.  
Blackburn to the United States  
Senate. He will deliver an ad-  
dress to the General Assembly  
and will say something about the  
contests.

P. Wat Hardin in closing his  
speech in defense of John H.  
Whallen: "I now demand the  
right as an American citizen to  
have a trial." "I am glad you  
demand it," said Magistrate  
Thompson, "and I will pass him  
up under the same bond of \$10-  
000 to the circuit court."

Every Democratic member of  
the Kentucky House of Representa-  
tives was in his seat, and every  
one participated in the caucus,  
voting for Mr. Blackburn. Four  
alleged Democratic Senators re-  
mained out, but when Whallen's  
move came to light they decided  
to vote for the caucus nominees in  
the organization.

Last Wednesday the Louisville  
Commercial pointed some hot shot  
into the Brown Democrats to the  
great dissatisfaction of a lot of  
"lepbicans sojourning at the  
Capital. Therefore, resolutions  
were signed, headed by acting  
Governor Taylor, denouncing the  
paper. Strangely to say the Com-  
mercial appeared as usual the  
next morning.

Senator Chandler, who is one of  
the Republicans who acknowledges  
fear of the commitment of his party  
to the single gold standard, has  
offered an amendment to the gold  
standard bill, now before the  
United States Senate, providing  
for more attempted bamboozling  
in the shape of a continuance of  
the alleged efforts to secure inter-  
national bimetalism.

Since the price of paper has ad-  
vanced to an uncomfortable de-  
gree, we are inclined to believe  
that many newspaper men are re-  
alizing that the commercial world  
needs no trusts, and, further, that  
newspaper men nor the millions of  
readers of papers and books are  
not specially blessed by the high  
protective tariff of \$5.00 per ton  
on white paper nor are they ben-  
efited by a tariff on wood pulp.  
There is no doubt in the mind of  
any rational man who has watched  
the formation of trusts, their  
operation and their effect on busi-  
ness as to what the ultimate con-  
sequences will be, nor can we be-  
lieve that any good business man  
will deny that under a high pro-  
tective tariff trusts can be more  
readily formed and more suc-  
cessfully operated. Today the news-  
paper men are contending with the  
entire sale of paper, and this paper  
trust has formed and is oper-  
ating under the protection of \$5.00  
per ton on white paper, which is  
no less than a tax on intelligence  
—a system of extracting from the  
few to protect and enrich the  
few. In the year 1890 paper was  
forced up in price 60 per cent,  
which to the newspaper man is a  
terrible burden and which will,  
if continued, force the suspension  
of many publications or reduce them  
to the verge of insolvency, paralyzing  
their influence and power. There is no just reason  
why a tax should exist on paper,  
for the publications of to-day are  
potent factors in the general dis-  
tribution of knowledge, in dissemi-  
nating current history, and giving  
the poorest of the land an oppor-  
tunity to become familiar with  
the entire world. The price is still  
advancing and no one, except  
those who control it, know when  
it will stop nor how high it will  
go, but it is evident to the country  
publisher that should it go much  
higher he must advance the price  
of his paper or quit the business.  
An advance in the price of his  
paper means a decline in its cir-  
culation and its advertising, hence  
to our mind we see more good relief  
by the abolishing of the tax on  
paper and pulp than any other  
means within the power of Con-  
gress or within the reach of pub-  
lishers. To our mind this is strictly  
a business matter that should be  
wrested from the clutches of  
political prejudice of publishers,  
and regardless of party affiliation  
demand that paper and pulp be  
placed on the free list. If the  
entire press would demand the abo-  
lition of this tax, purely as a busi-  
ness matter, we feel confident that  
the pressure would be brought to  
which we desire and need. The  
destruction of the paper trust and  
Federal tax on paper means the  
saving to publishers of \$15,000,000  
annually; the continuance of  
this burden means that the peo-  
ple or the publishers must pay  
that amount for the privilege of  
reading. The trusts, the publica-  
tions of the people must be hus-  
tled—which will it be? We hope  
that the many publishers in this  
State will unite in demanding  
from our Representatives in Con-  
gress that they use all legitimate  
means to abolish the Federal tax  
on pulp and paper, or that we call  
on our Representatives at Frank-  
fort to petition by resolution, by  
legislation, by resolution, by law  
supplement school funds by local  
taxation; a dormitory for young  
women students at the State Col-  
lege; a prison for female convicts;  
a non-partisan Prison Board; laws  
against mob violence and cigarettes  
—steps toward a constitutional  
amendment allowing cities to regu-  
late and license saloons; remedi-  
ation legislation on local option  
question and the setting aside of  
found out of future revenues for a  
new capital.

There may be a minority report  
from the Roberts committee, not  
concerning the polygamy of Rob-  
erts, which is regarded as having  
been proven, but on the right of  
members of Congress with prop-  
riety to be credentialed to be heard in  
Most Democrats have been of the  
opinion from the first that the  
proper way to proceed was to  
sue in Roberts and then take a

vote as to whether he should be  
expelled from the House. The  
same opinion is held by many Re-  
publicans.

John H. Whallen is certainly in  
close place. The Franklin county  
grand jury last Thursday opened  
safety box No. 559 and found it  
to contain \$4,500 in Treasury and  
National Bank notes and nothing  
else, precisely as related by Sen-  
ator Harrel, the gentleman who ac-  
cepted the bribe in order to try  
Whallen. An indictment for bri-  
bery will follow. Charges will al-  
so be brought before the General  
Assembly against Whallen and  
Charles Ryan, who was the go-be-  
tween, and they will also be tried  
before that body.

In the Kentucky Legislature  
the Democrats were lucky. They  
drew ten of the eleven members of  
the joint committee to try the  
contest of Senator Goebel against  
Governor Taylor, and nine of the  
members to try the contest of the  
Hon. J. C. W. Beckham against  
Lieut. Gov. John Marshall. These  
important committees are as fol-  
lows:

### FOR GOVERNOR.

Senators.  
Newton Fraser, Dem., Shelby  
county.

R. C. Crenshaw, Dem-Pop.,  
Christian county.

J. Embury Allen, Dem., Fayette  
county.

### Representatives.

G. W. Hickman, Dem., McLean  
county.

G. T. Berry, Dem., Union coun-  
ty.

G. T. Finn, Dem., Simpson  
county.

Abram Benick, Dem., Clark  
county.

M. H. Sledge, Dem., Warren  
county.

H. B. Lyon, Dem., Lyon coun-  
ty.

E. E. Barton, Dem., Pendleton  
county.

M. Key Yarberry, Rep., Adair  
county.

In the contest for Lieutenant  
Governor there are nine Democ-  
rats and two Republicans.

The Democrats are jubilant over  
the drawing, as they can now  
make a thorough investigation  
and report without hindrance.  
Had the Republicans the majori-  
ty they could cause much delay.

### Volcano Eruptions.

Are grand, but skin eruptions  
rob life of joy. Bucken's Eruptions  
Solve, cures them, also Old running and  
Fever Sores, Ulcers, Bolls, Felons, Corns,  
Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds,  
Capped Hands, Chillsbains. Best pre-  
cure on earth, Drives out Pains and  
Aches. Only 25 cents a box. Cure  
guaranteed. Sold by T. E. Pauli,  
Adair.

### JAMESTOWN.

The following letter was received  
to date for last week:  
Dr. S. G. Cain and wife, of Pen-  
dleton, Texas, are visiting the fam-  
ily of Judge Simpson.

F. E. Falkenberg returned last week  
from Missouri, having accepted a  
position as clerk on the Str. Burnside.

Mr. A. H. Holt, having completed  
his store-house, will remove his stock  
of goods this week.

Prof. S. M. Smith, Principal of the  
Georgetown College, was here several  
days last week in the interest of his  
school, and will participate in the  
Christmas festival.

L. F. Scholl, former clerk for J. B.  
Patterson, has accepted a position as  
first clerk on the Str. Burnside.

On Tuesday the hospitable doors  
of Judge A. P. Simpson were thrown  
open the occasion being the reunion  
of his family. Among the invited  
guests were S. A. Simpson and wife;  
Dr. S. G. Cain and wife; W. A. East-  
man and family; G. F. Jones and fam-  
ily; and Miss Mollie Morgan. A splen-  
did dinner, consisting of roast turkey,  
salads, etc.

On Wednesday Miss Etta Falken-  
berg entertained her lady friends in  
her home, initiating a new plan. In  
speaking of her elegant dinner, all that  
is necessary to state is "she was bred  
in old Kentucky."

The young people are indebted to  
Miss Olga Gann for the sumptuous  
and delicious dinner which she gave  
at her beautiful home, one mile from  
town, on Thursday. Also extend their  
appreciation for the social talk follow-  
ing.

On Sunday Miss Verla Holt invited  
the young ladies and gentlemen of the  
city to her home to partake of a splen-  
did dinner which was enjoyed to the  
utmost by all.

To Cure A Cold in One Day  
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets  
All druggists refund the money if it  
fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature  
on every box.

To relieve La Grippe take a box of  
Dr. Miller's Kidney and Bladder Pills.

## New Store at Russell Springs.

The undersigned have just opened up a Dry Goods  
Store at the above named place. We handle Dry  
Goods, Notions, Boots and Shoes, Clothing, Grocer-  
ies, Hardware, Saddlery and Harness. We make  
a specialty of Clothing. We invite your trade.

J. D. VAUGHAN & BRO.

## QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE BANK OF COLUMBIA AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE 30th DAY OF DEC., 1899.

RESOURCES.	
Loans to individuals, less doubtful accounts	\$7,750.00
Loans to Directors	1,000.00
Loans to Merchants (officers and included)	3,000.00
Loans to Farmers	500.00
Overdrafts	700.00
Due from local banks	\$ 125.00
Due from State Banks	400.00
Banks	\$1,812.50
Bank of the State of Ky.	2,000.00
Morgan's	10,000.00
Other banks and banks	\$2,512.50
Specie	7,750.00
Current	4,400.00
Partials and balances	1,000.00
Expenses, last quarter	1,000.00
	\$15,750.00

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in, in cash	\$30,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Deposits subject to check, on which interest is not paid	14,250.00
Due National Banks	500.00
Fund in pay exchange last quarter	500.00
	\$15,750.00

STATE OF KENTUCKY.)  
J. Coffey, Cashier of the Bank of Colum-  
bia, a bank located and doing business in the  
city of Columbia, in said county, being duly  
sworn, says that the foregoing report is in all  
respects a true statement of the condition of  
said bank at the close of business on the 30th  
day of Dec., 1899, to the best of his knowl-  
edge and belief and further says that the bal-  
ances of said bank have been transferred at the lo-  
cation named, and out of cash, and that the  
above report is made in compliance with the  
official notice received from the Secretary of  
State, Kentucky, on the 30th day of Dec., 1899,  
as the act in which such report should be made.

J. COFFEY, Cashier.  
JOHN GASKETT, Director.  
W. W. JONES, Director.  
R. F. PAULI, Director.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by J. D.  
Coffey, the 30th day of Dec., 1899.  
W. A. COFFEY, P. O. A. C.  
Commission expires J. May 1, 1900.

## LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Reported by the Louisville Live  
Stock Exchange, Bourbon Coun-  
ty, Ky.

CATTLE.	
Extra shipping	\$4 00x6 15
Light shipping	4 00x6 15
Butt butchers	4 00x6 15
Fair to good butchers	3 25x4 00
Common to medium butch	2 75x3 25
Choice packing and bulch- ers, 225 to 300 lbs.	4 50
Fair to good packing, 180 to 200 lbs.	4 50
Good to extra light, 160 to 180 lbs.	4 35
SHEEP AND LAMBS.	
Good to extra shipping	3 00x3 25
Sheep	3 00x3 25
Fair to good	2 50x3 00
Common to medium	2 00x2 50

## CHEAP COAL FOR WEST.

New Converting Process Which Will  
Make Available the Vast Lignite  
Fields of North Dakota.

A new converting process promises to  
revolutionize the fuel situation in the  
west by making the vast fields of North  
Dakota lignite available. This coal con-  
tains two million cubic feet of fuel ele-  
ments in proportion to the carbon.  
Three Germans who discovered the  
process, J. Morsch, Herman Wolf and  
Alex Meike, are now buying coal lands  
and locations for three large converting  
plants to cost \$600 each. The process  
includes a crushing of the lignite,  
the removal of nearly all the elements  
but carbon and the compression of the  
residue into cakes. A recent test gave  
better results than the best eastern  
bituminous coal, and the Northern Pa-  
cific has given a contingent contract  
for 100,000 tons of the product. The  
cost is much less than what it costs to lay  
down eastern coal at Duluth.

Deadbed Sees Seldom Terrible  
"I have seen thousands of persons  
die under all sorts of circumstances,  
and never yet have I seen one display  
the slightest fear of death." This re-  
markable statement was made by a  
physician who has practiced many  
years in Philadelphia and who has  
seen a great deal of hospital service.  
"It is a popular fallacy," he went on,  
"to imagine that a deathbed scene is  
ever terrible, other than as a parting  
between loved ones. The fear of the  
unknown is never present at the last."

Determined to Live a Husband  
While dressing for her wedding a Vi-  
cious woman hurried off the ground  
death. Three days later she married  
another man.

A private letter from eastern Ken-  
tucky tells of a peculiar incident in  
Wolfe county. Frank Miller was the  
point of death after a long illness.  
His brother John was offering up a  
prayer for him, having come to realize  
that death was near at hand. In the  
power of his prayer John Miller said:  
"O Lord, I am willing to give my life.  
If it is required, to save my brother."  
At a moment later John Miller had  
fallen dead. His brother died the night  
of the same day and the two were  
buried in the same grave. The story  
was proved true by a new being.  
John Miller shortly before his death  
confessed faith in the Lord.

A Keen Clear Brain  
Your best feelings, your social pos-  
sion or business success depend largely  
on the perfection of your stomach,  
and liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills  
give increased strength, a keen, clear  
brain, light digestion. A 25 cent box  
will make you feel like a new being.  
Sold by T. E. Pauli, druggist.

## M. & F. High School, COLUMBIA, KY.

T. A. BAKER,  
SALLIE BAKER,  
SALLIE MONTGOMERY,  
Principal.  
Assistant.  
Music.

REMEMBER.—That the second term begins January 1, 1900; you  
will find it greatly to your advantage to enter at that time for the re-  
maining five months in order to secure the full benefit of the term.

REMEMBER.—That Teachers are prepared for State and county  
examinations.

REMEMBER.—That boys and girls are prepared for college.

REMEMBER.—That in this school you can secure a practical ed-  
ucation.

REMEMBER.—That rates for tuition are very reasonable.

### RATES.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT, \$1.50 per month.  
INTERMEDIATE, \$2.00 per month.  
ADVANCED, \$2.50 per month.  
NORMAL, \$3.00 per month.  
HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGIATE, \$3.50 per mo.  
Music, very reasonable.  
BOARD.—\$2.00 per week, or \$15.00 from Monday until Friday.  
For further information address

T. A. BAKER, Principal.

## DON'T FORGET

That I can furnish you as  
good a Saddle as was  
ever put on a horse's  
back for as little money  
as any man this side of  
Louisville. I keep a full  
line of

Harness, Bridles, Collars,  
Blankets, Whips,  
and everything usually  
found in a first-class  
stock of Farm Imple-  
ment-Saddlery Store,

I Have a Few Buggies and  
Buck-boards

for sale. I can sell you  
a farm wagon that will  
suit in every particular  
at bed-rock prices. Field  
Seed a specialty. Call on  
me when in town.

W. F. JEFFRIES.

## Warinner's Cheap Cash STORE

Is the place to go to get Goods cheap. I have some of the  
best clothing for the money of any store in Colum-  
bia and I have a line of shoes that I propose  
to sell cheaper than they have ever

been sold for before in  
this little city.

My Grocery  
stock and other lines are  
complete, and too numerous to

mention in this space. I want to turn  
my stock over several times this season and in or-  
der to do this I will sell for a close margin. I am not talking  
nonsense but these are facts. I appreciate what  
the people have done for me since I came

to Columbia and I will prove it to  
you in the future if you  
give me your trade

I want to double  
my business this year and  
to do this I will sell at a very close

margin for cash. Give me a call. Respt.

C. R. WARINNER.

Now is the time to subscribe for the  
Adair County News. The most widely  
read paper in this part of the State.







## EXPORTS OF IRON AND STEEL.

Will Amount for the Year to \$100,000,000, an increase of \$25,000,000 Over Any Previous Year.

American manufacturers will sell to the outside world over \$100,000,000 worth of iron and steel in the calendar year 1910, or \$100,000,000 in excess of any previous year in this history. There was for the month of October an increase of over \$2,000,000, as compared with the same month of last year, and for the ten months an increase of almost \$20,000,000. The October figures of exports of iron and steel and the manufacturers thereof are as follows: \$7,290,385 in October of last year, and for the ten months \$65,100,255, against \$67,290,560 last year. Both in price and quantity the figures of the export trade show an increase, and in practically every article and class. Bar iron, for instance, shows an increase of nearly 100 per cent. in quantity exported in 1909, as compared with 1908; bars or rods of steel an increase of 30 per cent.; wire rods, of steel, 50 per cent.; steel sheets and plates over 100 per cent. and wire nails an increase in round terms of 200 per cent. in quantity.

It is thus apparent that the frequent expressed belief that the increase in prices of iron and steel and manufacturers thereof in the United States would cause an immediate and perceptible decrease in our exportations was not justified. The corresponding rise in prices in the rest of the world and the continued increase in demand for products and manufacturers of this character have offset the increased price and increased demand at home, and this combination of an unusual demand from the home and foreign markets upon our manufacturers really accounts for the frequent reports of shortage in supplies of material and inability of American manufacturers to promptly fill all orders received.

## LOVE AND MONEY.

Mr. Sage Declares That Poverty Is Not A Vice.

Discussing problems of love and marriage in society, Mr. Russell Sage says: "Much stress is often laid upon the fact that wealthy men are not married out for wealthy husbands for their daughters. This is not so. As a rule, a father prefers to see his daughter married to a good, honorable, ambitious man who has no fortune, rather than to an idle, fashionable play boy who cares for nothing in life but clubs, clothes and a competency.

"Poor young men should not allow false pride to stand in the way of their accepting the love of a rich girl, for if a man has ambition his poverty is only a stepping stone to his goal.

"The income necessary for a young couple starting out in New York City and wishing to continue in the fashionable set is altogether relative. The lowest possible figure is \$5,000 a year, but it could be done for that by careful expenditure and wholesome disregard of open houses, theater tickets, carriages, etc.

"Many young men with rich fathers make the mistake of depending upon them for their future support, and for that reason make no effort to obtain employment for themselves.

## BAPTIZED IN MOLASSES VAT.

The Stately Experience of a Prowling Tramp in an Indiana Penitentiary.

A funny incident is reported from Chester township, Valparaiso county, wherein a tramp received unsought baptism in a vat of molasses molasses. At the home of J. R. Herring there is a shaft which extends from the second floor of the farm residence to the cellar. During the absence of the family a night or two ago a tramp entered the dwelling, and while prowling around the second floor fell into the open shaft and tumbled down two flights. At the base of the opening in the cellar stood a vat of molasses molasses, into which the Vesuvius plunged. He was not seriously hurt, though considerably dazed by the tumble, but was covered from head to foot with the saccharine material, a liberal quantity of which splashed over the walls. His trampship crawled off to the hay mow and spent the night, and when discovered next day, decorated with the tell-tale molasses, explained that he was drunk and wandered into the house by mistake. The family cleaned him up and sent him on his way.

## ADMITTS BIBLE TO SCHOOL.

State Superintendent Jackson, of Nebraska, Decides a Disrespectful Dispute.

State Superintendent Jackson, of Nebraska, has decided that the Bible may be read in the public schools. The matter was laid before him in a case from Gage county, where one family in a district wanted the teacher excluded from using the book, although all others favored it. In his decision Mr. Jackson says:

"There seems to be nothing in the laws of Nebraska which prevent the simple reading of the Bible in our public schools. I am of the opinion that in this enlightening age the Bible should be read in the public schools, and that the public school teacher ought not to be deprived of reading, without written or oral direction, the Bible or of repeating the Lord's Prayer."

His laboratories in China. The great libraries of the East contain volumes of books numbered by the hundreds of thousands. In the archives of the Chinese are still found the ancient predictions of centuries made with great accuracy, together with records of events which show a like knowledge of that science.

A few lines of prophecy are by far the best of the genre of Magdalen. It is of many colors, one dark ground, and it appears to meet with great approval from seers after novelty.

His Socialist Gathering Next Year. Socialists will hold at Paris next year the largest congress in their history.

As to Their Whiskers. Why does a man's hair fall out before his whiskers? Because it is at least 20 years older.

## A COSTLY WEIGHT.

Used by a Lawyer in South Carolina—Its History.

Its Original Owner Gave \$12,000 for It—Bought It for a Gold Brick.

The leading member of the bar in Spartanburg, S. C., has recently attracted a great deal of attention by using an extraordinary blocking block for his handsome trotters, and by degrading the story of the cube of yellow metal that he attaches to his horses' bits by a golden chain when he stops on the street has become known, the interest has increased.

The history of the horse block that cost \$12,000 necessarily carries with it a story of how the man credited with being the shrewdest bargainer and best financier in that section was victimized by an extraordinarily clever fellow, who was able to secure a North Carolina jeweler, S. T. McCravy, a lawyer who has added this unique block to the equipment of his driving horses. He obtained it several months ago when the estate of John T. Cantrell, of Spartanburg, was settled, he being the family lawyer.

Mr. Cantrell had succeeded during his life in keeping the matter a secret. The old gentleman died leaving it known that any man had gotten the best of him. He lived a long life in Spartanburg, and by frugality and acute business sense amassed a handsome fortune. One day a man of pleasant address dropped into town with messages for Cantrell from a kinsman who years before had gone to the Pacific coast and had made a fortune in gold mining. Cantrell had the gold fever; he loved the looks of it, and wanted to have some around him. When the visitor informed him that he had a block he was willing to sell the old man went with him to another city to have the gold tested. The jeweler bored down into the block, which weighed over 50 pounds, and shortly thereafter the clanking wheels were all gold. They returned to Spartanburg, and Cantrell, having only \$12,000 in cash, paid that amount for the block of gold, giving him a I. O. U. for \$2,000 more, which was to be paid within a week. The former owner of the block failing to come for his money, suspicion was aroused. Another jeweler tested the block and found it brass. It was coated with gold, and had a plug of real metal set in, which the first jeweler had bored through.

This happened four years ago, and Mr. Cantrell kept the "block" secret. He died a few days ago, and his son fully, Lawyer McCravy sees only the block, all of it being too heavy.

## SCIENTIST WINS NEW HONORS.

The Paris Academy of Sciences Awards Its Medal of Honor to Prof. W. R. Brooks.

Dr. William R. Brooks, director of Smith observatory, Geneva, N. Y., has just been awarded by the Paris Academy of Sciences the Grand Lalande prize for his numerous and brilliant astronomical discoveries. The prize is a gold medal worth 500 francs. Prof. Brooks is the king of comet finders. His total is six, and he has five times been awarded the comet medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. Eleven of the comets he discovered with a telescope of his own construction, even to the grinding and polishing of the lenses. He has been awarded over \$1,000 in prizes, and has received numerous medals. Prof. Brooks was born in 1844 in Malden, England, the son of a Baptist minister. With his parents he came to this country in 1857, settling in the country. He has been an ardent student of astronomy since he was 13 years old. The Royal Astronomical Society for the Advancement of Science has elected him a fellow, and he is a member of the Liverpool and British Astronomical societies. He has been a member of the Royal Society since 1907.

In person Prof. Brooks is of medium stature, wears a well-cut beard, and has a commanding presence. He is a fine forehand, and dresses in a semi-clerical garb. He is refined in appearance, an excellent lecturer and a genial conversationalist. He is married at 20.

## CHANCE FOR WOMEN.

May Be Employed in the Compilation of the Census of 1900.

Their Efficiency as Enumerators and Clerks Proven by the Census Bureau at the Time of the Taking of the Last General Census.

Although the newspapers in referring to the enumerators and clerks to be employed by the government in gathering the census in 1900 have invariably used the masculine gender it is a fact that women are to take their place before the census taker. It is a fact that women were first employed in this line in 1880. At that time the head of the census bureau was the late Gen. Francis A. Walker, whose attention was directed to the usefulness of women in gathering census statistics by Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake. In accordance with her suggestion all the rules and regulations of the taking of the census of 1880 were so drawn that there was no discrimination on account of sex. As a consequence many women were employed throughout the country as enumerators, and in every case did good work. Women in a western district making a record in the number of names obtained in a thirty-set.

In 1890 women again found occupation as clerks and as census enumerators, though the struggle was then for a few weeks or months, and then ceased absolutely. It has always been found difficult to find the best men for a labor which offers no permanency of support, while there are many women so situated that they are glad to have

the opportunity to earn a good sum of money in some occupation which will not take the whole of their time. The service is not severe, especially in the large cities, where the dwellings are crowded together and a person can work all day in collecting the names of the inhabitants of a few blocks. As another point which deserves consideration is that the census enumerator is a rule not only women in the home which must be visited, as the rule is made during the hours when men are away on business.

## TORPEDO PRACTICE REQUIRED.

Naval Authorities Decide That There Must Be Practical and Regular Instruction in This Direction.

Naval authorities have decided that there must be regular torpedo practice on ships of war, and orders have been issued which require this to be done that officers may become acquainted with the details of torpedo work. The order reads: "The commanding officer of every vessel other than a torpedo vessel shall cause each torpedo on the vessel under his command to be used at least once in each quarter, and in case of failure to carry out the provision of this paragraph a quarterly torpedo practice report, made upon the regular torpedo practice form, must state the reasons for this failure."

"Torpedo practice, additional to the above, for the instruction of officers and men, shall be held as much often as circumstances will permit, and as the commander in chief, senior officer present, or commanding officer, deems advisable. Torpedo practice with the vessel deck in the water is of value only so far as the care and adjustment of the torpedoes and the training of the inexperienced crews are concerned, and the commander in chief, senior officer present, or commanding officer, therefore, will use every effort to hold torpedo practice at the highest practical speed, and when possible at a morning target. Every precaution must be taken to insure the recovery of a torpedo when fired for an exercise run, but it is not desired that the fear of an occasional loss of a torpedo shall prevent officers and men becoming thoroughly familiar with the weapon under probable service conditions of speed and helm angle of ship and air pressure in torpedo firing."

## FIRST OF THE AUTOTRUCKS.

Makes Its Appearance on the Streets of New York City—A Run of 100 Miles.

For the first time an autotruck was seen on New York City streets. It was truck No. 5 of the New York Autotruck company, which was brought down from Providence, where in its trials the company are being built. The wagon is 16 feet long, and is run by compressed air. The motor is of 100 horse-power. The body of the wagon is of heavy board, about four inches thick. There are no side seats, the seat for the driver is built directly over the front wheels. The compressed air cylinders are just in front of the rear wheels, and attached to the body of the truck.

## DATE OF ORCHIDS IN ENGLAND.

A collection of orchids made by Maj. Mason, of the First Warwick, England, lately sold for \$15,500. Several cyrtopodion brought from \$200 to \$400, and one, a specimen of cyrtopodion indigne galeiforme, the best of its class ever seen, fetched \$750. Nothing approaching these prices have ever been known in this country. Orchids in England have been sold for almost equal to the prices of tulips in the tulip market of Holland.

## Visiting Burns' Birthplace.

During the month of September 20, a number of visitors to Burns' cottage, Ayr, was 4,200, more than in 1909, which was the previous record year.

## LEACHING NEWSBOYS TO SAVE.

Plan of a Topham Philanthropist to Make Them Bank Depositors.

J. E. Nisley, of Topham, Kan., made a unique offer to the newsboys at the Thanksgiving dinner was given there. To each one who deposits in a savings bank an amount aggregating \$25 he will make a present of 100 per cent. interest on the sum. He will give a smaller premium to the boys who cannot save that amount.

Mr. Nisley points out that the boys have only to save a small amount each week to get this premium, or about ten cents a day. He has provided pamphlets for the 300 newsboys of Topham.

A year ago Mr. Nisley organized the newsboys into an organization and gave them a Thanksgiving dinner and new

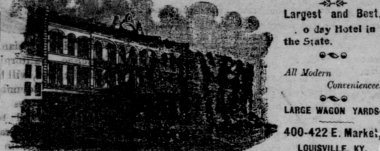
## GENUINE BOOK WORM.

Discovered Boring Through an Edition of Thomas Jefferson's Works in a New York Book Store.

In a little old book shop in Ann street, not far from Broadway, New York city, and much frequented by book worms of the human species, there is an edition of a genuine book worm, one of the rarest of insects, and it is feeding upon the works of Thomas Jefferson. According to bibliophiles, it is ten years since a book worm has been seen in this city. Librarians and dealers in books have discovered their borings, but the creatures themselves have escaped. An offer of \$100,000 was made for the last one that was found here, but the offer was refused and the worm mysteriously disappeared. Since then, the owner of the Ann street book store, says that in his experience of 10 years he had seen only two genuine book worms. The first was found in a Nassau street shop ten years ago, and the second is now in his possession. The one he has now started at the book of old volume entitled "Thomas Jefferson's Works." It was found in the front of the book, eating a hole about one-sixteenth of an inch in diameter. When it struck the front cover it stirred about in the fly leaves, leaving a winding passage about three inches long. It then struck the book again on the return journey to the book cover. When it was found it was in the act of eating a hole in the book. The insect is about half an inch in length.

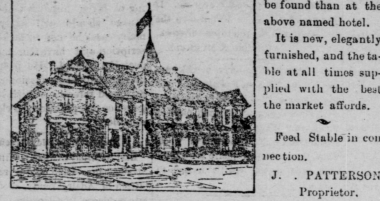
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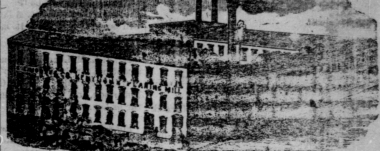
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